

AFAF campaign benefits many

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The Air Force Assistance Fund “Commitment to Caring” campaign starts this week. Officials ask airmen to contribute to one or more of four Air Force-related charities through cash, check or payroll deduction.

The charities benefit active-duty, reserve, guard and retired Air Force people, surviving spouses, and families. Charities receive 100 percent of AFAF contributions. This is the 30th year of the fund drive.

“Requests for assistance are up more than 13 percent since Sept. 11, 2001, while the investments that fund 70 percent of our programs are down 20 percent,” said Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid society’s chief executive officer. “In 2002, we helped 34,000 people with \$24.1 million of assistance. That’s a lot of help.”

Charities under the AFAF umbrella include:

— The Air Force Aid Society, the official charitable organization of the Air Force. It provides airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Information is also available online at www.afas.org.

— The Air Force Enlisted Foundation at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., providing rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

— The Air Force Village Indigent Widow’s Fund in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members; includes indigent widows fund for widows and widowers of Air Force officers. The Air Force Villages Web site is at www.airforcevillages.com.

— The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, providing rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is at www.info@lemay-foundation.org.

The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force announced a \$4.8 million goal for 2003.

Last year Air Force people gave more than \$5.1 million.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible as an itemized federal deduction. For more information on the AFAF campaign, visit the Air Force Personnel Center’s voting and fundraising Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund or call Ext. 2387. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Army Spec. Robert Mora, Army National Guard, checks a trucker’s identification card at the front gate.

Army National Guard begins work

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

Thirty Army National Guard members from around the southeast deployed to Columbus AFB to aid 14th Security Forces Squadron in security duties recently.

“[The guardsmen’s] presence will alleviate stress as we demobilize our Air Force reservists and begin to deploy more personnel,” said 1st Lt. Barry Burton, 14th SFS operations officer.

“[Columbus AFB] made every effort to ensure our transition into the Air Force community has gone as smoothly as possible,” said Army 1st Lt. Johnny Smith, Army National Guard platoon leader. “Security forces

went the extra mile to see that our basic needs of food, quarters and transportation were met.”

The guard unit had to hurdle some challenges before starting at Columbus AFB.

The unit had to complete a Mobilization Readiness Exercise, similar to the Air Force deployment exercise in both Camp Shelby, Miss., and Fort Benning, Ga.

At Fort Benning, they ensured documents were accurate, conducted Individual Weapons Qualification with 100 percent completion rate and received mandatory briefings.

“The report date was moved up which forced the soldiers to work extra hard in order to be mission ready by Feb. 10,” Smith said.

“The window of opportunity was

small and the soldiers’ performance was outstanding,” Smith said.

Upon arriving at Columbus, the guard unit conducted training to learn Random Antiterrorism Measures such as patrolling and perimeter defense, and Force Protection Measures to prepare them to assist at the gates.

“My unit was as eager to learn as much as we could as fast as we could to complete the mission,” said Army Spec. Robert Mora.

Every soldier volunteered to serve as part of Operation Noble Eagle.

They are mobilized for two years with a switch in personnel after the one-year point.

“I just want to do my part so I can tell my kids I was a part of supporting my country in a time of need,” said Army Spec. Kimberly Shavers-Bryant.

Students graduated in FY03: 109
Next graduating class: SUPT Class 03-06

Columbus AFB exchange expects big improvements

Pam Warnken
Public affairs

The Columbus AFB Base Exchange revealed some upcoming changes during the Community Action Information Board meeting Feb. 18.

The store expects lighting, floor layout and benefit improvements, said Steve Peña, exchange general manager.

The main store is working to improve lighting and floor layout to increase traffic flow in the store and moving the jewelry cases to a center location.

“We’ll go from 40 candle power to 120 candle power, making the store much brighter,” Peña said.

Peña is devising new stocking procedures to help transfer slow-moving items out of the store more quickly, making room for new merchandise.

The “Best Deal in Town” program surveys about 100 sought-after items in the local community and ensures the exchange prices are lower. Along with this, a new Army and Air Force Exchange product line called “Exchange Select” is now available to offer customers quality



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Hiram Payne, Lear Siegler Services, waits as Valeria Scott, exchange cashier, processes his check. The exchange is expecting some changes in the future.

goods at better prices than can be found outside the gate, Peña said.

Peña is working to improve food choices by putting a Burger King outlet in the exchange mall location. The old military

clothing located at the east end of the exchange is the preferred location.

Peña is negotiating for a small barber and coffee shop in the 14th Operations Group headquarters to improve services

Women veterans — historic, proud heritage for everyone

Joan Furey
Director Center for Women Veterans

Women’s History Month begins Saturday.

From the days of the American Revolution to the conflict in the Persian Gulf and today, throughout the World, American women have and are honorably serving in defense of our Nation.

In times of war and peace, women have willingly responded to their country’s call. Their contributions are characterized by individual and collective acts of self-sacrifice, patriotism, dedication and personal heroism. Women served in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Somalia, Bosnia and other places the Armed Forces have gone.

Not all-military service takes place in the arena of war; however, a majority of military personnel both men and women, have performed military service during peacetime. Although their role is often perceived as less glamorous than those who are associated with wartime service, their contribution is no less important.

Unfortunately, women who have served in the military are rarely acknowledged in paintings, statues and memorials commemorating America’s military history and the word “veteran” is rarely associated with women.

Although not officially recognized as members of the Armed Forces until 1901, the involvement of women in military-related activities and matters in this country dates back at least to the Revolutionary War. It was then that Mary Hayes McCauly earned her nickname, Molly

Pitcher, by carrying water in a grog to her husband and other American artillerymen. Her fame however, is credited to when her husband collapsed in battle and she immediately took his place firing a cannon until the battle was over.

No story of women’s military service during World War II would be complete without acknowledging the 900 women who voluntarily joined the Women Air Force Service Pilots. Organized in 1942, at the request of Gen. Hap Arnold, these women logged more than 60 million air miles.

They served as flight instructors for men; ferried airplanes from the United States to Europe, including high-speed fighters, bombers and P-47 thunderbolts and also had the dubious privilege of towing targets for male fighter pilots so that they could practice on a moving object while using live ammunition. In an unbelievable example of discrimination based on gender, these women received no support from the military, except for their pay, and were not even eligible for medical care or insurance in the case of an on the job injury.

Thirty-eight WASPS were killed in airplane crashes and many more injured, but these women received no benefits and, upon their death, could not have a U.S. flag draped over their caskets. In 1977, the U.S. Congress granted the surviving WASPS veteran status.

The history of women in the military is a history of love of country, service, commitment, dedication and courage

and it includes sacrifices that have largely gone unrecognized. But perhaps, that is changing.

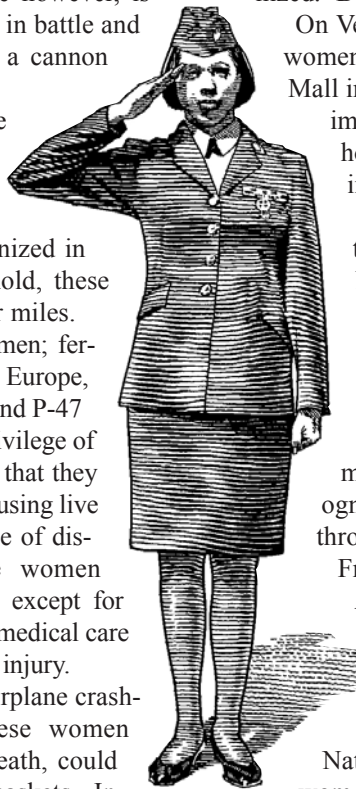
On Veterans Day in 1993, a bronze statue of three women and a wounded soldier was dedicated on the Mall in Washington, DC. This statue, in close proximity to the Vietnam Wall, was placed there in honor of the 265,000 women who served during the Vietnam era.

It was a historic moment in time; for it was the first time our country has bestowed National recognition upon women who answered their country’s call.

Then in October 1997, The Women in Service to America’s Memorial was officially dedicated at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. This grand and gracious memorial was 11 years in the making and recognizes the honorable military service of women throughout history.

From the Revolutionary War to the present, America’s women veterans have been invisible heroines. They are true examples for future generations that securing our country’s liberty and freedom are everyone’s responsibility. As a

Nation, people must pay tribute to the American women; their grandmothers, mothers, and sisters, aunts and friends, who have served their country through military service; for indeed theirs is a proud and honorable heritage. They must be recognized for their contributions to the freedoms people enjoy today.



NEWS BRIEFS

Quit smoking

The Columbus AFB Health and Wellness Center offers a four-week smoking cessation course. Classes schedule includes stress management techniques, behavior modification and making an actual quit date.

The first class is at 2 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call Ext. 2477.

Wing Commander's calls

The 14th Flying Training Wing commander's calls times have changed.

They are now at 7 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. March 7.

8 days

until the
operational readiness
inspection.
Are you ready?

Columbus educators get smarter on military student issues

Pam Warnken
Public affairs

Three Columbus Municipal schools educators and two Columbus AFB family support center advocates recently attended a conference focused on issues military children face when transferring to a new school. The conference was hosted at Fort Polk, La., with the Military Child Education Coalition/Transition Counselor Institute.

NCO earns highest honor at academy

2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
Public affairs

A Columbus AFB technical sergeant walked away with top honors Feb. 12 from the NCO Academy at Keesler AFB, Miss.

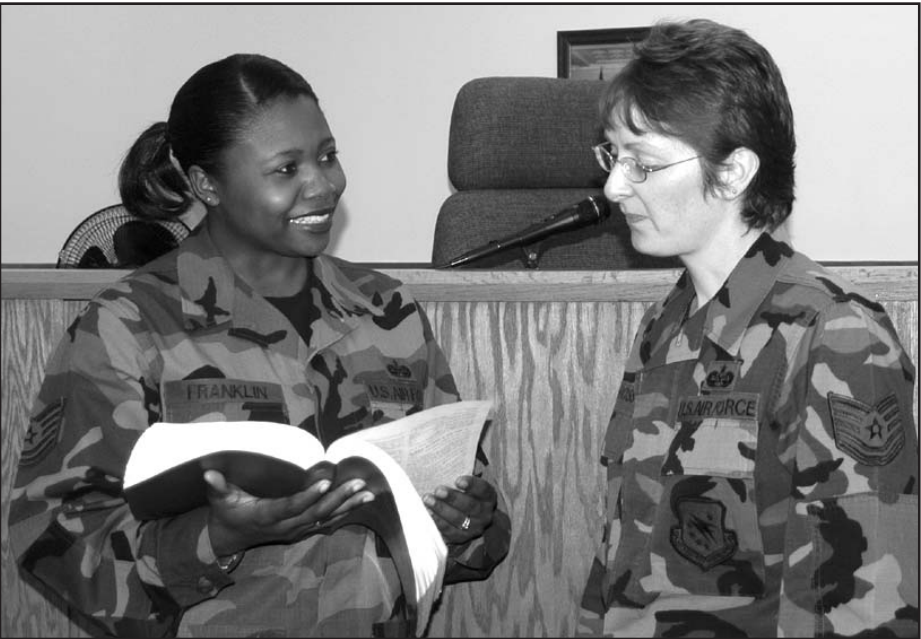
Tech. Sgt. Mary Franklin, military justice NCOIC, received the John L. Levitow award for her outstanding performance during the program.

"I thought I would finish the program as a distinguished graduate or an academic award winner, but the Levitow was definitely a pleasant surprise," said Franklin.

The Levitow award is presented to one student in each class who demonstrates the highest degree of excellence as a leader and a scholar.

It's the most prestigious award an individual can earn during an enlisted professional military education course.

"We're very proud of her," said Maj. Noah Bledstein, 14th Flying Training Wing deputy staff judge advocate. "It's nice to see her getting the recognition she deserves."



2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore

Tech. Sgts. Mary Franklin and Chloe Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing, go over specifications of a letter of reprimand in the court room.

Winners of the Levitow award are evaluated on their performance in a number of areas including: flight instructor rating, peer evaluations, leadership abilities, three uniform inspec-

tions and two written exams.

The award pays tribute to Air Force Sergeant John L. Levitow, the lowest ranking airman ever to receive the Medal of Honor.

"[Columbus] counselors learned creative ways to build partnerships and provide better networking between our schools and military installations," said Dr. Therrell Myers, Columbus schools superintendent. "We want to establish support systems and better address transitions and other educational issues related to the military child."

At the conference, attendees were encouraged to exchange information on the "best practices" in schools serving military instal-

lations. They zeroed in on addressing the lingering challenges military children face, such as changing schools mid-year, transferring credits, trying to "fit in" and make friends.

"Base personnel are a vital part of all aspects of our community," Myers said. "We especially appreciate the contributions of these outstanding students and their parents as they continue to enrich our school system."

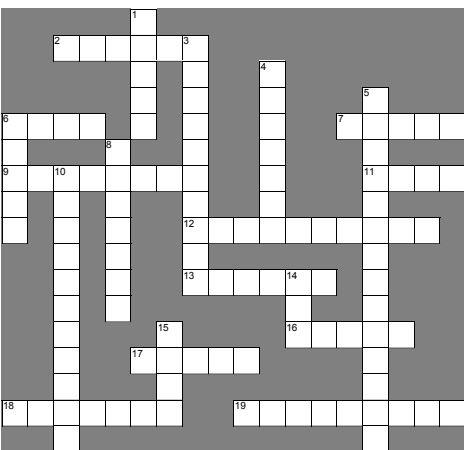
The Columbus school district is a member

of the Military Child Education Coalition and its Transition Counselor Institute.

"The needs of mobile military students and the challenges of transitioning from school to school is a priority for us," Myers said.

"The training was geared more for the civilian educators but it was great to network with them," said Patsy Wood, family support center. "I admire their efforts to grasp the challenges transfer students face."

This puzzle is brought to Columbus AFB by the Operational Readiness Inspection team. It is designed to get the base familiar with the ORI.



Across

- 2 How many inches should you elevate the lower extremities off the ground when treating for shock, if the patient has not sustained any lower body injuries?
- 6 Failure to comply with the Law of Armed Conflict is punishable under the _____
- 7 Acronym for Military Operations Other than War
- 9 Alarm Yellow indicates that an attack is _____?
- 11 Steps of Explosive Ordinance Reconnaissance are identify, _____ and report
- 12 Columbus AFB is home to the 14th FTW and falls under which numbered Air Force?
- 13 VHA stands for Vapor _____ Area
- 16 The highest level of force protection conditions
- 17 Columbus AFB's current FPCON is _____
- 18 A strip of cloth used to hold a splint in place is a _____?
- 19 ORI stands for Operational _____ Inspection

Down

- 1 In this alarm condition an attack is over
- 3 The last day of the ORI is March _____
- 4 MOPP stands for Mission-Oriented Protective _____
- 5 Never discussing sensitive or classified information over a non-secure line is a practice of which type of security?
- 6 M-9 Tape goes on the chemical outer garment on the _____ part of the arm, opposite wrist and the same ankle as the arm
- 8 First Commander of Columbus AFB from 1941 to 1945
- 10 Overall grade the 14th FTW plans on achieving
- 14 In this alarm condition an attack is imminent or in progress
- 15 True or False: When bandaging arms and legs, let the fingers and toes be exposed.

Answers can be found on Page 7.

Stay between lines — Warrior's way of life

Lt. Col. Dean Matcheck
43rd FTS commander



"Stay between the lines."

That stern warning neatly summarized how the Air Force taught me to handle nuclear weapons. Exacting, error-free compliance with the smallest detail would make or break your career. No room for creativity, don't think outside the box.

Sometimes, though, my mind would wander. In the mid-winter chill of my hardened shelter, while I watched my crewchief struggle with a hydraulic leak, I would eye the slim silver-gray shape on the belly of my mighty warbird and try to imagine how it would feel to do my duty. Would a final press of the red button on my control stick kill a thousand people? Ten

thousand? To call that a hard, cruel act would be a serious understatement. Yet my nation trained me, equipped me and expected me to be a hard man, to commit the unspeakable acts of war in defense of our people. I am a warrior. To be anything less meant failure and disgrace and giving victory to the enemy.

As I look around Columbus AFB, it's hard to tell that we're a nation at war. A few parking spots blocked off, some longer lines at the gates. The comfortable, safe atmosphere of a stateside training base makes the nerve-jangling news on television seem far away. Only our dedicated security forces and our deployed member's families really feel the strain day to day. In the meantime, the operational readiness inspection is coming, and the whole BLAZE team is putting herculean efforts into "staying between the lines," like no wing has ever done before, to show higher headquarters that we are superb at training pilots.

And yet, we're doing much more than training pilots. After all, any number of civilian schools also produce

excellent pilots that would be useless to the Air Force. We are creating aerial warriors, hard men and women who won't shrink from the difficult acts of war that their country may ask of them. To succeed in this task we must be warriors across the board.

Look at yourself in the mirror as you adjust your uniform to "go to work." Are you going to work or going to put service before self? Are you just polishing up previous write-ups or are you imagining new ways of excellence in what you do for the Air Force?

Being a warrior means being hard on yourself, demanding the best of subordinates, making the hard calls, setting the maximum personal example, making personal sacrifice, taking personal risk.

Our country is at war. Our country needs warriors. The sum of Columbus AFB's success or failure will be written, sometimes in blood, as our pilot graduates go to war, long after the ORI is forgotten.

Are you a warrior?

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

Comment: I want to praise the base recycling team. I live off base. The folks at the base

recycling department are courteous and extremely helpful. They are usually happy people with great service. Keep up the good work.

Reply: Thanks for the great feedback and for tracking me down in the exchange parking lot to let me know again what a great recycling program we have on base. I'd also like to echo the praise for our base recycling center. The operation used to be handled by a contractor who

charged the base for every pickup. Under our new contract, more than \$21,000 is returned to the base each

year and we've added more than 30 industrial buildings to the collection schedule. Besides collecting all colors of glass, aluminum cans, newsprint, mixed paper and cardboard, they also stay busy promoting recycling on and off base. The center will sponsor an Earth Day Educational Fair on April 25 with representatives from all over the state in attendance.



Recycling is not only for those of us who live on base. Anyone who comes on base is welcome to use the recycling trailer near the shoppette or to bring items directly to the center. On a separate note, the Air Force recycling goal for 2003 is 35 percent. Columbus is currently at 32 percent. Your efforts can help us reach that goal. For those of us in base housing, the participation rate for Capital Village is 72 percent, State Village is 74 percent and Magnolia is 60 percent. My hat's off to the recycling workers and all the members of the BLAZE team who keep CAFB green. You are preserving resources, saving our environment, protecting our Nation's future and making recycling money in the process.

Col. Steve Schmidt

14th Flying Training Wing commander

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the BLAZEWEB at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

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Multicultural committee connects with history



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Suriah Blanch, 10, performs a gospel ballet during the event's activities Saturday.

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

The Columbus AFB Multicultural Committee wrapped up African-American History Month Celebrations with an extravaganza showcasing black culture Saturday at the base chapel.

The event featured musical groups and soloists, praise teams, food tasting, expressive and cultural dance.

According to Tech. Sgt. Curtis Chiles, multicultural committee chairman, more than 100 people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds came together to celebrate diversity.

"The program was a huge success," Chiles said. "Everyone enjoyed the food and entertainment and left with a better understanding of the music, art and culture. I feel that if we can make a difference in helping someone achieve a better understanding of one's culture, then the committee has a success story."

Another committee person pointed out how important the monthly cultural observations are.

"These events are more than just coming out to eat and have a good

time," said Tech Sgt. Ellajean Jones. It's about making people aware of the various cultures that make up our military and helping us better appreciate one another. I can't stress enough that the base populace almost has a responsibility to come out to support these observances. It's critical if we are to maintain unity and harmony in diversity."

The committee has many events planned for the remainder of the year. March is Women's History Month and the committee is sponsoring a luncheon at the Columbus Club with the president of Mississippi University for Women, Dr. Claudia Limbert.

"We encourage everyone to come out and support future observances," Jones said. "The observances are important, they help us to understand each other. If we don't understand each other and know where each of us has come from, how can the military work as the cohesive team it must be to accomplish its mission?"

(Editor's note: Stay tuned to the Silver Wings for more information on upcoming multicultural committee events.)



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Senior Airman Latricia Carter, 37th Flying Training Squadron, serves food to Mary Norman during Columbus AFB's Black History Month celebration.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass

10:30 a.m. — CCD

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship

1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

"A Guy Thing" (PG-13, language, crude humor, some sexual content, drug references, 101 min.)

Starring Julia Stiles.

Saturday

"Kangaroo Jack" (PG, language, crude humor, sensuality and violence, 89 min.)

Starring Jerry O'Connell.

March 7

"Darkness Falls" (PG-13, terror and horror images, and brief language, 85 min.)

Starring Chaney Kley.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through March 7

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination

Program Tapes:

Humanities

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Education grant: The deadline to apply for the Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant is March 14.

The \$1,500 grant is available to eligible family members of active duty, reservists on extended active duty, full-time active duty, retired, retired reservists with 20 years or more, active-duty service and spouses of deceased Air Force people.

Call Shirley Pinkney for an application.

Workshop: A Microsoft Excel beginners' workshop is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. March 19.

The seating is limited, and people must register in advance.

Small businesses: A small business development workshop is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 25. The workshop is for people interested in starting their own business.

Transition workshop: A transition assistance workshop is from March 25 to March 27. This is for people who are retiring or separating in the next year. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Access workshop: The family support center offers a beginning Microsoft Access 2000 workshop from 9 to 10:30 a.m. March 26.

Seating is limited, and people must register in advance.

Health benefits: A health benefits briefing is from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. March 26. The briefing is for people who are retiring or separating.

BASE NOTES



ESC scholarships: The enlisted spouses' club offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors, current college students, spouses and active-duty people.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Mapping careers

First Lt. Tim Warner, 14th Mission Support Group, shows Betsy Scott, Mississippi State University ROTC cadet, different locations he's deployed to as a contract officer in the Air Force. The Company Grade Officer Council help give the cadets Air Force career guidance.

Applicants must be the dependent child or spouse of an active-duty, retired or deceased or missing in action person.

Applications are at the education center, family support center or high school guidance offices.

Deadline to apply is Saturday. For more information, call 434-5849.

Nutrition month: March is National Nutrition Month. Look for displays at the commissary and library. There are also youth and child activities. For more information, call Ext. 2477.

ESC social: The enlisted spouses' club's next social is at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the community center. New members are welcome. For more information, call 434-5643.

OG dining-in: The 14th Operations Group Officer's Call and Dining-in begins at 6 p.m. March 7 at the Columbus Club.

The event is only for 14th OG instructor pilots and support officers.

The attire is mess dress. The cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. For more information, call Ext. 2649.

OSC social: The deadline to register for the next officers' spouses' club social is by noon March 11.

The social is at 6:30 p.m. March 18, and the program includes gardening tips.



Services provides recreational outlet for CAFB people

American Cafe open: The Columbus Club's American Cafe opens from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and is open to all ranks. Club members receive a \$2 discount on each meal. Entrees include but aren't limited to chicken Monterey, char-broiled New York strip steak, and grilled pork chops Omaha. Call Ext. 2489.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 55 numbers or less. Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Call Ext. 2489.

Rhythm and blues night: Disc Jockey Maze features rhythm and blues music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today in the enlisted lounge. Call Ext. 2489.

Baby playgroup: The youth center offers a free baby playgroup for ages up to 12 months and their parents from 10 to 11 a.m. starting Wednesday. Call Ext. 2504.

Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 9. Cost is \$10.95 and club members receive a \$2 discount. Be sure to ask for an entry for the Premier Vacation promotion. Brunch is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month. Call Ext. 2489.

Disney World trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip during Spring Break, March 30 to April 3 to Orlando, Fla. Cost is \$415 for one person, \$265 each for two people in the same room, \$215 each for three people, and \$190 each for four people.

Cost includes four nights lodging, transportation and shuttle service in Orlando. Reduced-price ticket packages are available at ITT and are dependent upon age and parks visiting. Call Ext. 7858.

Youth center burger roast: The youth center offers a burger roast from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. March 7 at the youth center. Cost is \$1 per person. Call Ext. 2504.

Parents day out: The child development center offers a parents day out from

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 15.

Cost is \$3 per hour per child and a \$5 nonrefundable reservation fee is required. Reservations must be made by March 11. Call Ext. 2479.

Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip March 21 to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss.

Cost is \$15 per person, and it includes transportation and \$15 in coins. The bus departs at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 2:30 a.m. Call Ext. 7858.

Family bingo: The youth center offers a family bingo night at 6 p.m. March 21. Parents and nonmembers pay \$1 to play. Members play free. Call Ext. 2504.

Pro-basketball game: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Memphis, Tenn. April 4 for the Memphis Grizzlies against the Los Angeles Lakers. Game time is set for 7 p.m. Cost is \$103 per person for an overnight trip which includes transportation, one night's lodging (double occupancy) and ticket to the game.

The same day trip is \$68 per person and includes transportation and ticket to the game. Call Ext. 7858.

Spring break day camp: Register now for this youth center program for children from kindergarten through sixth grades.

The program is offered from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 31 through April 4. Fees are based on family income. Call Ext. 2504.

Dinner theater: A dinner theater is April 19 at the Columbus Club. The show is "Play it Again Sam." The play is a comedy about the nerdy film critic's obsession with Humphrey. Cost is \$25 for club members and \$35 nonmembers. Tickets go on sale April 1. Call Ext. 2489.

Beale Street music festival: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Memphis, Tenn., Beale Street music festival May 2 to May 4.

The festival features all types of music to include blues, rock, gospel, rhythm and blues, soul and alternative.

Cost is \$125 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging (dou-



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Showing their colors

Tops In Blue performers sing at one of their concerts. A free performance by Tops In Blue, the entertainment showcase of the United States Air Force, is at 3 p.m. Sunday at Joe Cook Auditorium. This 90-minute show takes the audience on a musical journey across the country on a train called the Spirit of America. Call Ext. 2337.

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Tickets to the music festival are sold separately. A \$50 deposit is required when registering. Limited seating is available. Call Ext. 7858.

Canton flea market: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the semi-annual Canton flea market May 8, near Jackson, Miss.

The city of Canton, Miss., closes down the town to make room for hundreds of vendors selling all types of crafts, food and specialty items.

Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation. Limited seating available. Call Ext. 7858.

Family child care: People who want to stay home with their children but want to earn extra income can look into providing childcare in their home on base.

Call the family child care office at Ext. 2479.

Single Vision: Single Vision, a local Christian group for single adults, sponsors a game night at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Fairview Baptist Church in Columbus, Miss.

Admission is \$5 per person and includes pizza, soda and snacks.

The church is off of Highway 182 in East Columbus. For more information call 328-3915 or 328-2924.

Musical concert: A free concert featuring Sarah Perry is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Poindexter Hall on the Mississippi University for Women Campus.

Perry is an accomplished singer/songwriter and cellist from New York City, performing as a free-lance musician for the past 7 years.

All donations benefit the National Cancer Society and the Children's Miracle Network.

For more information, contact 241-7897.

Dinner theater: A new dinner theater, Streetcar

Productions, Inc., opens with a open house at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. March 7 in the East Columbus Gateway Shopping Center.

Streetcar's first production is "Just South of Broadway" featuring show tunes of George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Fats Waller.

The show dates are March 20, 21, 28, 29 and April 2, 4, 11, 12, with a Sunday dessert matinee April 6.

Dinner tickets are \$35 for a full meal and show and \$20 for the dessert matinee show.

Military discounts are available with identification card.

The Streetcar Production name honors Tennessee Williams who was born in Columbus.

For more information or to make reservations call (662) 240-1832 after 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Adoption support group: An adoption support group meeting is at 3 p.m. March 9 in Room 108B of First

United Methodist Church. The group provides social opportunities, educational programs and support for families formed by international or domestic adoption and people considering adoption.

Child care is available for a charge, and advance reservations for care are appreciated. For more information, call Beth Runkle at 329-7515.

Book sale: A Friends of the Library book sale is from 3 to 9 p.m. March 13, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 14 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 15 at Leigh Mall.

All proceeds benefit the Columbus-Lowndes public library system. For more information or to volunteer, call 329-5300.

Pilgrimage: The spring pre-Civil War home tours begin April 1 and runs through April 13.

Military discounts are available. For a free brochure, call (800) 327-2686.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$7.95 per person
Club members receive \$2 discount
Cost includes vegetable, tossed salad and beverage — Ala carte menu also available

Today
Fried catfish
Popcorn shrimp
Cherry cobbler

Monday
Fried chicken
Meat loaf
Peach cobbler

Tuesday
Fajitas
Burritos
Apple crispitos

Wednesday
Stuffed peppers
Spaghetti
Apple crispitos

Thursday
Soup, salad and spud bar

Basketball tournament

A two-on-two basketball tournament for ages 9 to 12 is at 4 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

Air hockey tournament

An air hockey tournament for ages 13 to 18 is at 9 p.m. Saturday. Call Ext. 2504.

Fun run

A St. Patrick’s Day fun run-walk is at 11 a.m. March 14 at the fitness center.

People should wear green, and the person who answers the most questions on the special St. Patrick’s Day quiz wins a prize. Call Ext. 2772.

No-tap bowling

All levels of bowlers are invited to enter this monthly no-tap tournament March 21. Sign up by 6:45 p.m., and the games begin at 7 p.m. Entry is \$10.

Players must get a strike with a red-head pin to spin the wheel to win a prize. Call Ext. 2426.

Bowling standings

The following are the intramural Thursday league standings as of Feb. 20.	Team	Wins	Losses
	Misfits	128	48
	Strokin	114	62
	14th OSS	110	66
	SFS #1	72	104
	48th FTS	66	110
	SFS #2	32	142

Soccer league games

1 and 3 p.m. every Sunday
Soccer field by Columbus Club
Call Ext. 2772.

Basketball standings

The following are the intramural league standings as of Wednesday.

Team	Wins	Losses
14th OSS	12	4
48th FTS	9	4
14th COM	12	7
37th/41st FTS	9	6
DynCorp	11	8
50th FTS	8	7
14th MSS	8	9
14th MDG	6	11
14th SFS	0	19



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Karate Champions

Tim Hamilton, senior student, and Dhaamin Shakur, youth center karate teacher, spar during Tuesday night’s class. Hamilton won first place in weapons, and Shakur won first place in black belt fighting in the Eaves Karate Syrup City Championships in Fayetteville, Ala., Saturday.